



**SOUTH FLORIDA  
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## South Florida Regional Transit Authority

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The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) was created on July 1, 2003, with a vision to provide greater mobility in South Florida, thereby improving the economic viability and quality of life of the community, region and state. The Authority's mission is to coordinate, develop and implement a viable regional transportation system in South Florida that endeavors to meet the desires and needs for the movement of people, goods and services.

# Strategic Regional Transit Plan

South Florida faces complex and diverse transportation, land use, economic, and development issues, now, and in the future. These issues include increasing road congestion and mobility problems stemming from continuing and rapid growth, an essentially suburban pattern of land use and development and a deficiency of cross-county mobility choices. Transit is a critical element of South Florida's regional transportation future and key to promoting economic development and access to jobs, alleviating the congestion that threatens our region with gridlock, and mitigating the isolation of the transportation disadvantaged.

Although many county-based projects are underway, the SFRTA is the only transit service provider mandated by the Florida Legislature to implement regional service for South Florida; it is also the only existing service to be included on the FDOT Strategic Intermodal System. Now that the SFRTA has opened double-track service on the existing commuter rail system, the SFRTA can focus on the region's future and develop strategies for the allocation of scarce resources to accomplish the goals and objectives of the agency.



The **Goal** of the Strategic Regional Transit Plan is to:

Think creatively to define a bold vision and strategic plan for regional transit's role in the overall regional transportation system to ensure mobility, economic viability, and quality of life in the South Florida region for the next generation.

The **Objectives** of the Strategic Regional Transit Plan are to:

1. Identify key regional transit corridors and infrastructure needs
2. Define regional transit investment strategies
3. Positively impact future development patterns in the region
4. Assess the region's current and future trends
5. Identify a safe and cost-effective regional transit system
6. Define SFRTA's role in the development, funding and operations of regional transit services

### Lead Agency:

South Florida Regional Transit Authority

### Resource Agencies:

Local Transit Service Providers and  
Transportation Planning Agencies

### Project Contacts:

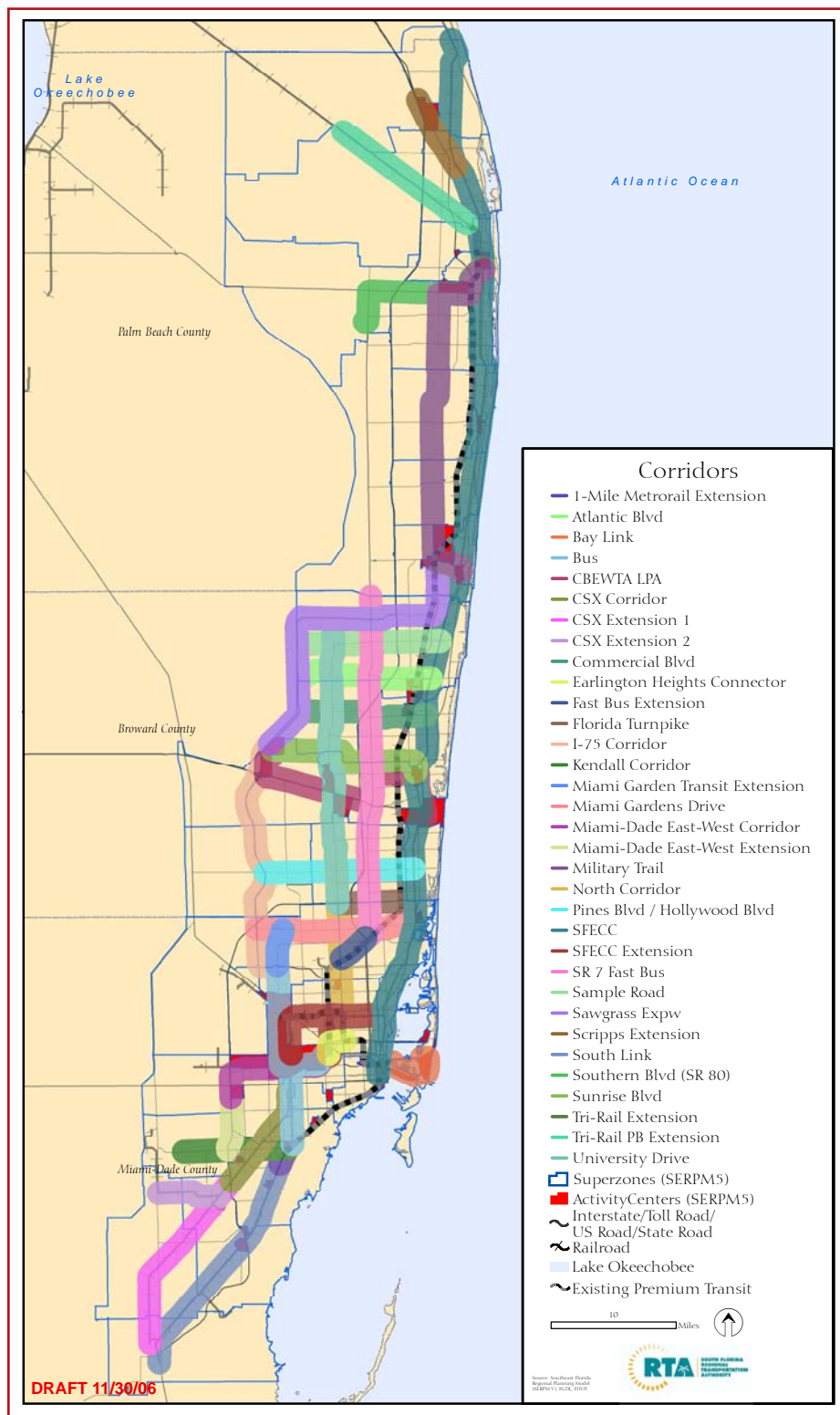
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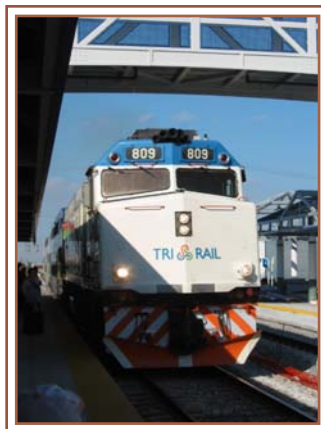


## Regional Relationships

The intent of this study is to objectively define travel patterns and transit deficiencies over the three county region by focusing on large-scale projects that involve multiple local transit service providers or projects that provide regional benefits. Through standardized quantitative and qualitative analyses, the SFRTA will be able to evaluate potential regional connections as they relate to a regional network. In some cases, this effort will validate other plans as having regional significance; in other cases, it may reveal new regional connections not previously identified in other plans.



The participation and interest of other transportation and regional planning agencies is expected to generate diverse perspectives on regional transit demand and projects. The



SFRTA will engage its partners through periodic personal briefings, in addition to public presentations at SFRTA Planning Technical Advisory Committee meetings.

## Analysis of Regional Connections

For this study, the SFRTA will focus on connections that are interjurisdictional, serve regional activity centers, cover a significant distance, connect to existing premium transit services, and/or connect to existing intermodal centers. Initial corridors to be tested were further defined by examining large-scale travel demand flows using the Southeast Florida Regional Planning Model V, future population and employment densities, and availability of rights-of-way.

Over the next few months, the SFRTA will solidify the study performance standards and test each potential corridor. High opportunity corridors that emerge from the initial testing will be refined and analyzed for sensitivity to operating characteristics, changes in development patterns, and cost effectiveness. The resultant proposed regional network will then be prioritized, with an emphasis on what projects may be advanced and implemented by the SFRTA.

